THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) to (c) Under the Revised MDM Scheme effected from September, 2004, assistance for meeting cooking cost @Re. 1/- per child per school day is provided as Central assistance. States are expected to supplement Central assistance with there own resource to ensure a hygienic mid-day meal having variety and wholesomeness. Many States are already contributing substantially. Central Government is constantly urging States to make adequate contribution, over and above the Central assistance.

UGC grant to universities and colleges In Punjab

1387. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been received by the universities and colleges in Punjab State from the UGC;

(b) the details of the criteria for receiving such grants; and

(c) the number of degree colleges which are not in receipt of UGC grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) University Grants Commission provides financial assistance to eligible universities and colleges which are recognized under Section 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956 as per guidelines on various schemes.

(c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, there are 3 colleges of Punjab State which have not been included under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act and as such these colleges are not fit to receive UGC grant.

Computer education in Uttaranchal

1388. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance to the State of Uttaranchal for speeding computer education in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof with amounts of financial assistance released during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise, and